

CHAPTER 27

S.B. No. 13

AN ACT

relating to exemptions from fishing licenses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 46, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 46.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 46.002. EXEMPTIONS. A license issued under this chapter is not required of a person under 17 years old or 65 years old or older if the person is a resident or, if a nonresident, if the person's state of residence grants a similar exemption to Texas residents.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 46.004, Parks and Wildlife Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The resident fishing license fee is \$8 or an amount set by the commission, whichever amount is more. The commission may establish a lower fee or waive the fee for a person [~~who is under 17 years old or 65 years old or older,~~] who has a commercial fishing license of this state, who is blind as defined by Section 94.001, Human Resources Code, or who is a disabled veteran. "Disabled veteran" has the meaning given to that term by Subsection (c) of Section 42.012 of this code.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on February 16, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Passed the House on April 9, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 1, one present not voting.

Approved April 22, 1987.

Effective April 22, 1987.